



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### Damschroder Named President of Ohio Association of Election Officials

**(Columbus)**- The Ohio Association of Elected Officials, a non-partisan professional association of members, directors, deputy directors and staff of Ohio's 88 county Boards of Elections, has chosen Matthew M. Damschroder, director of the Franklin County Board Elections, to serve as association's president for the balance of 2007. Damschroder was unanimously elected by the association's Republican Trustees in Columbus today.

"I'm honored to have been selected to lead the association at such a critical time," Damschroder said. "My primary goal in this new role will be to develop a strong working relationship between the association and Ohio's new Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner so that Ohio is prepared for the 2008 election." Damschroder added that he also plans to develop a program to professionally certify all Ohio election officials and to act as a strong advocate on election-related matters before the Ohio General Assembly in his new role as the association's president. He will not be paid for the position.

Damschroder succeeds Gwen Dillingham, a former deputy director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, who resigned as association president in February. Damschroder joined the association as a trustee in January 2004 and has served as second vice-president since January of this year. Damschroder will continue to serve as director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, a position he has held since June 2003.

The mission of the Franklin County Board of Elections is to provide election services, information and education to the residents of Franklin County so they can exercise their right to vote and have confidence that the elections are fair, impartial and accurate.

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